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AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (IN THE WYOMING NATIONAL GUARD CAMP GUERNSEY TARGET AND MANEUVER AREA, PLATTE COUNTY, WYO.) TO THE STATE OF WYOMING

MAY 2, 1955.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. BARRETT, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 266]

The Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 266), authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain property of the United States Government (in the Wyoming National Guard Camp Guernsey target and maneuver area, Platte County) to the State of Wyoming, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

(1) Place a comma after "southeast quarter" in line 14, page 2.

(2) Place a comma after "northwest quarter" in line 21, page 2.

(3) After "Section 13" in line 1, page 6, substitute a comma for the semicolon and add "all in township 27 north, range 67 west,".

(4) Change "township 38 north" in line 2, page 6, to "township 28 north".

(5) Insert at beginning of line 7, page 2, "Southwest quarter northwest quarter, section 1; lots 3 and 4, west half southeast quarter section 3;".

(6) Insert at end of line 8, page 2, "southeast quarter northeast quarter section 13;".

(7) Delete "south half" in line 16, page 5, and substitute therefor "southeast quarter".

(8) Delete "lots 3 and 4, west half southeast quarter section 3" in line 20, page 5.

(9) Delete comma at end of line 25, page 5, and "southeast quarter northeast quarter" in line 1, page 6.

(10) Delete "seven thousand six hundred and eighty" in lines 14 and 15, page 3, and substitute therefor "five thousand seven hundred and eighty".

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to convey certain public lands situated near Lake Guernsey, Platte County, Wyo., to the State of Wyoming for the purpose of blocking out a proposed artillery range for the use of the National Guard of Wyoming and other States.

No money compensation is to be charged for these lands, since the lands are to be devoted to a national purpose, and there are strict limitations as to the use of such lands.

The bill provides for a reversion of title to the United States with all improvements made by the State of Wyoming during its occupancy without compensation therefor. The property involved is made available to the United States for Federal use in the event of war or other national emergency.

The lands dealt with in this bill comprise about 7,680 acres in the watershed of a tributary to the North Platte area, along the shoreline of the Guernsey Lake. About 1,400 of the 7,680 acres were withdrawn for reclamation purposes in connection with operation of the Guernsey Reservoir. A portion of these public lands are under water part of the year. For that reason the State of Wyoming and the Department of the Interior have agreed that title to lands in this reclamation withdrawal should remain in the United States but with provision for use of such lands for National Guard purposes. The bill so provides.

In addition the bill provides that revenues from the lands shall be expended for the protection, maintenance, and preservation of the lands, with the provision that the United States and the State of Wyoming shall share equally in any revenue beyond the cost for those purposes.

The rights of grazing lessees are fully protected under the bill.

An identical measure was reported favorably by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in the 83d Congress and was approved by the Senate. There is no objection by the Bureau of the Budget or the Department of the Interior to the enactment of this measure.

The report from the Department of the Interior follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington 25, D. C., April 26, 1955.

Hon. JAMES E. MURRAY,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR MURRAY: This is in reply to your request for the views of this Department on S. 266, a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain property of the United States Government (in the Wyoming National Guard Camp Guernsey target and maneuver area, Platte County, Wyo.) to the State of Wyoming.

We would have no objection to the enactment of S. 266, if it were amended as suggested below.

S. 266, if enacted, would direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer about 7,680 acres of public lands, together with all improvements thereon, to the State of Wyoming without compensation. The lands transferred are to be "used primarily for training of the National Guard or Air National Guard and for other military purposes," and, if the State should fail to abide by that requirement, title to the land and all improvements thereon would immediately revert to the

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United States, and the State would receive no compensation. Title to all minerals in the conveyed lands would remain in the United States. The United States, moreover, could, without compensation to the State, reenter the property in time of national emergency in the interest of national defense. The Secretary of the Interior would also be directed, by section 2, to issue a permit to the State for the free use for similar purposes of certain lands now withdrawn for reclamation purposes. Section 3 would permit the State of Wyoming to dispose of interests and rights in the land by lease, license, or easement, provided that the exercise of such rights and uses would not interfere with the land's use for the purposes specified in section 1. Revenues derived from such transactions would be expended for the protection, maintenance, and preservation of the land for those purposes and the protection and preservation of the natural resources of those lands. Any residual revenue beyond the cost of those purposes is to be shared equally by the United States and the State of Wyoming.

We have been informed that the State has begun the purchasing, for use as a National Guard training area, of private lands intermingled with the public lands described in the bill. It is understood that purchased private lands will cover about two-thirds of the proposed training area.

This Department, naturally, is not qualified to comment on the suitability of this area for military training purposes, or even on the need of the State for a training area. On these matters the Department of Defense is much better qualified to comment than we are. We can merely state that, if the Congress should regard the conveyance of lands as necessary and the lands themselves as suitable for these purposes, we would have no objection to the transfer.

The public lands affected by S. 266 are in a watershed area, tributary to the North Platte River, where the erosion menace is critical. The depositing of silt in the Guernsey Reservoir from the erosion of upstream lands is rapidly reducing the water-storage capacity of this reservoir. The lands have been used chiefly for grazing under leases issued to grazing operators who own the adjoining lands. We know of no Federal need for the lands. With respect to the question of watershed protection, it is true that the interest of the United States in retarding and preventing erosion continues. However, since the United States owns only a portion of the lands in the watershed, continued ownership of the lands in question provides only partial protection. S. 266 provides in section 3 that the State shall use revenues from the granted lands "for the protection and preservation of the natural resources thereon." This appears under the circumstances to be a satisfactory substitute for Federal ownership of the property. With respect to the present use of the lands by grazing lessees, it should be noted that the leases were issued pursuant to the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, one of the purposes of which was to assist, by providing for continuity of tenure, in the stabilization of the western livestock industry. Section 2 (a) of S. 266 provides for the payment of compensation by the State to grazing lessees for losses resulting from the use of the lands for the purposes of the bill, and the giving of preference rights to present lessees for such future grazing use of the lands as may be consistent with the purposes of the grant. We consider these provisions as a suitable adjustment between the need for the lands for military purposes and their need for grazing purposes.

The bill provides that title to the lands described in the bill, together with all improvements made by the State during its occupancy, shall "immediately" revert to the United States, without compensation, in the event that the lands are not used for the purposes specified in the bill. Conveyances of land under the Recreation Act of June 14, 1926, as amended by the act of June 8, 1954 (68 Stat. 173; Public Law 387, 83d Cong.) provide for a reversion of title to the United States if the lands are used for other than the specified purposes within 25 years after the conveyances, while S. 266 would require a reversionary clause unlimited in duration. However, since the Recreation Act provides for monetary compensation for the lands conveyed and S. 266 does not, the two pieces of legislation may not be inconsistent. An unlimited reversionary clause is also consistent with the clause mentioned above which provides for reentry by the United States in times of national emergency. Section 3 requires the State to use revenues from the lands for the "protection, maintenance, and preservation of such lands for the purposes expressed" in the bill, as well as for the protection and preservation of natural resources to which reference was previously made. Any excess of revenues above costs of such activities would be shared equally by the United States and the State of Wyoming. Coupled with the fact that S. 266 contains a national-emergency recapture clause, these provisions adequately cover the mutual interest of the State and the United States in the use and

preservation of the lands and make any other provisions for compensation undesirable.

The provisions of S. 266 are somewhat similar to those of the act of July 14, 1954 (Public Law 493, 83d Cong.; 68 Stat. 474), which granted Federal lands in the Camp Blanding Military Reservation to the Armory Board, State of Florida, without compensation.

There are certain errors in the land descriptions contained in S. 266. We suggest, therefore, that the following changes be made:

(1) Place a comma after "southeast quarter" in line 14, page 2.

(2) Place a comma after "northwest quarter" in line 21, page 2.

(3) After "Section 13" in line 1, page 6, substitute a comma for the semicolon and add "all in township 27 north, range 67 west,".

(4) Change "township 38 north" to "township 28 north" in line 2, page 6.

Furthermore, a check of status shows that a portion of the lands in township 27 north, range 67 west which are listed in section 2 (b) of the bill are not withdrawn for reclamation and therefore title to them should be transferred under section 1 of the bill. We suggest, therefore, these additional changes:

(5) Insert at beginning of line 7, page 2, "Southwest quarter northwest quarter, section 1; lots 3 and 4, west half southeast quarter section 3;".

(6) Insert at end of line 8, page 2, "southeast quarter northeast quarter section 13;".

(7) Delete "south half" in line 16, page 5, and substitute therefor "southeast quarter".

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(10) Delete "seven thousand six hundred and eighty" in lines 14 and 15, page 3, and substitute therefor "five thousand seven hundred and eighty".

Since I am informed that there is a particular urgency for the submission of the views of the Department, this report has not been cleared through the Bureau of the Budget and, therefore, no commitment can be made concerning the relationship of the views expressed herein to the program of the President.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. AANDAHL.
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The suggested amendments have been approved and are contained in the bill as reported.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1956

MAY 2, 1955.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5085]

The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5085) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes, report the same to the Senate with various amendments and present herewith information relative to the changes made:

Amount of bill passed by the House	$297,925,546
Amount added by the Senate (net)	30,061,542
Total of bill as reported to the Senate	327,987,088
Amount of budget estimates	[1] 314,523,056
Amount of 1955 appropriations, including funds in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955; and the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955	301,474,626
The bill as reported to the Senate:	
Over the budget estimates	13,464,032
Over appropriations for fiscal year 1955	26,512,462

[1] Includes $1,170,000 submitted in S. Doc. 30 (This estimate was not considered by the House.)

SCOPE OF THE BILL

The committee considered budget estimates totaling $314,523,056 for the activities of the Department of the Interior (exclusive of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Southeastern Power Administration, and the Southwestern Power Administration) and the following related agencies:

Commission of Fine Arts
Federal Coal Mines Safety Board of Review

National Forest Service, Department of Agriculture
Indian Claims Commission
Jamestown-Williamsburg-Yorktown Celebration Commission
National Capital Planning Commission
Smithsonian Institution, including the National Gallery of Art
Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission
Virgin Islands Corporation

The action of the committee in regard to each individual appropriation is explained under the appropriate heading in this report.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

The Secretary of the Interior is requested to have appropriate schedules devised to more clearly present the construction programs in order that the committee may be advised as to the status of projects previously approved, as well as those included in the budget, and the future requirements of continuing projects.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RESEARCH IN THE UTILIZATION OF SALINE WATER

Appropriation, 1955	$400,000
Budget estimate	400,000
House allowance	400,000
Committee recommendation	400,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $400,000 for the continuation of the saline water research program. These funds provide for the stimulation and coordination of research to develop low-cost processes for the conversion of saline and brackish waters to usable water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes.

OIL AND GAS DIVISION

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $390,000
Budget estimate	[1] 390,000
House allowance	[1] 390,000
Committee recommendation	[1] 390,000

[1] Includes $140,000 for the enforcement of the Connally Hot Oil Act previously carried in a separate appropriation.

The committee recommends the allowance of $390,000—the budget estimate—for the expenses of the Oil and Gas Division. This amount includes $140,000 for the enforcement of the Connally Hot Oil Act that has been carried in a separate appropriation in prior years.

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $2,565,500
Budget estimate	2,525,000
House allowance	2,525,000
Committee recommendation	2,525,000

[1] Derived from other appropriations by transfer.

The committee recommends the allowance of $2,525,000 for the Office of the Solicitor. Prior to the current fiscal year each agency and bureau of the Department had its own legal staff with the Solicitor exercising only very general supervision and control. During fiscal

year 1955 all legal staffs were consolidated into one operation under the immediate supervision of the Solicitor.

OFFICE OF MINERALS MOBILIZATION

Appropriation, 1955	None
Budget estimate	$300,000
House allowance	250,000
Committee recommendation	225,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $225,000 for the Office of Minerals Mobilization. This office is a new organization within the Department to provide coordination and advice to the Federal Government on all phases of metals and minerals. This organization will administer the responsibilities delegated to the Secretary by the Office of Defense Mobilization.

It is the view of the committee that the reduction of $75,000 below the budget estimate will not impair the program as there will be delays in organizing a staff for this new activity.

Bureau of Land Management

MANAGEMENT OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $12,263,000
Budget estimate	13,400,000
House allowance	13,400,000
Committee recommendation	13,500,000

[1] Includes $350,000 in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955.

The committee recommends the allowance of $13,500,000 for this appropriation. The increase of $100,000 above the budget estimate is to be applied to the "Weed control" activity, to provide a total of $750,000 for this purpose.

Within the increase approved for the "Lease and disposal of land and mineral resources" activity the committee expects the Bureau of Land Management to take immediate steps to decrease the large backlog of cases in Nevada, and the Dakota-Montana area.

CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation, 1955	$2,500,000
Budget estimate	2,500,000
House allowance	2,300,000
Committee recommendation	2,300,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $2,300,000 for the construction program of the Bureau of Land Management. Of the total recommended, $2,260,000 is for the construction of timber access roads on the Oregon and California revested grant lands. These funds will be returned to the Treasury from the receipts from the sale of timber that would otherwise be paid to the counties.

The balance of the amount recommended—$40,000—is for the construction of buildings in Alaska.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

EDUCATION AND WELFARE SERVICES

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $37,060,668
Budget estimate	41,675,000
House allowance	41,675,000
Committee recommendation	41,864,995

[1] Excludes $23,666,547 appropriated for health services being transferred to the Public Health Service.

The committee recommends an appropriation of $41,864,995 for the education and welfare services administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The increase over the budget estimate of $189,995 is for the following purposes:

Educational assistance, facilities and services (higher education and special aids), $27,065.—This increase will make available a total of $50,000 to provide an opportunity to a limited number of deserving Indian children to attend college and other institutions of higher learning.

Maintaining law and order, $162,930.—This increase will provide a total of $500,000 for the maintaining of law and order on Indian reservations, where the Bureau of Indian Affairs has this responsibility.

In view of a recent decision of the Supreme Court of North Dakota to the effect that the State of North Dakota could not assume criminal jurisdiction over the Fort Totten Reservation, the committee expects the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide adequate law enforcement at this reservation.

The committee's attention has been directed to the difficulty the Bureau of Indian Affairs has encountered in obtaining contracts with the States for providing vocational training to adult Indians. The States have been reluctant to contract for a period within any one fiscal year. Therefore, the committee has included a provision in the bill authorizing the advance payments for services to be provided beyond the fiscal year for which the funds are appropriated.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $12,763,045
Budget estimate	12,532,000
House allowance	[2] 12,332,000
Committee recommendation	[2] 12,432,000

[1] Excludes $218,200 for Indian health services being transferred to the Public Health Service.
[2] And in addition $200,000 of the "Revolving fund for loans" may be used for the administration of the Indian loan program.

The committee recommends the allowance of $12,432,000 for this appropriation. The increase of $100,000 above the House allowance is to be applied to the "Forest and rangelands" activity to finance additional timber sales. Under existing law (25 U. S. C. 413) a major portion of this increase will be returned to the Treasury in the form of fees from timber sales.

The committee approves of the provision inserted in the bill by the House authorizing the use of $200,000 from the "Revolving fund for loans" for administering the Indian loan program.

CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $12,916,433
Budget estimate	7,847,356
House allowance	2,847,356
Committee recommendation	7,979,003

[1] Excludes $1,687,567 for Indian health services that are being transferred to the Public Health Service.

The committee recommends an appropriation of $7,979,003 for the construction program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The program submitted in the justifications in support of the budget has been approved, and in addition funds for the following projects have been included:

Standing Rock Agency, improvements of day-school facilities at Bullhead, S. Dak., $80,000.—For the construction of an additional classroom, with school kitchen, so that the present substandard kitchen and lunchroom can be removed from the basement; and a sanitary sewer system in order that modern toilet facilities and showers can be provided for the students.

Seligman, Ariz., additional classroom facilities, $40,000.—It has come to the attention of the committee that the junior-senior high school at Seligman, Ariz., has enrolled a number of Indian students from outside of the school district, and from an adjoining county. Inasmuch as these students do not reside within the school district, Federal funds for construction aid are not available. It is the view of the committee that this school is entitled to adequate funds to provide the minimum additional facilities to accommodate the Indian students. A provision to accomplish this purpose has been included in the bill.

Reimbursement to the city of New Town, N. Dak., for the improvement of streets, $11,647.—The committee has included a provision in the bill to allow the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reimburse the city of New Town, N. Dak., for the cost of improving streets adjacent to property under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

Appropriation, 1955	[1]
Budget estimate	$7,000,000
House allowance	7,000,000
Committee recommendation	7,000,000

[1] $8,840,328 for this purpose appropriated in other appropriations.

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $7,000,000 for the liquidation of contracts entered into pursuant to the authority granted in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954. These funds are available for the construction and maintenance of Indian roads.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $2,460,000
Budget estimate	2,600,000
House allowance	2,600,000
Committee recommendation	2,600,000

[1] Excludes $290,000 for Indian health services being transferred to the Public Health Service.

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $2,600,000 for the general administrative expenses of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. These funds provide for the general management of the Bureau, the discharge of Federal trusteeship responsibilities with respect to the Indians, and the Bureau's administrative services.

RELOCATION OF THE YANKTON-SIOUX TRIBE

Appropriation, 1955	$50,000
Budget estimate	56,500
House allowance	56,500
Committee recommendation	56,500

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $56,500 for the relocation of the Yankton-Sioux Tribe. These Indians were forced to relocate due to the construction of the Fort Randall Dam.

TRIBAL FUNDS

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $3,000,000
Budget estimate	[1] 3,200,000
House allowance	[1] 3,200,000
Committee recommendation	[1] 3,100,000

[1] Appropriation of tribal funds held in the Treasury in trust for the various Indian tribes.

The committee recommends the appropriation of $3,100,000 from funds held in trust for the various Indian tribes. This appropriation is not a charge against the general funds in the Treasury.

The committee recommends that the following provision be stricken from the bill:

, including $200,000 from funds to the credit of the Indians of California as defined and enrolled under the Act of May 18, 1928 (45 Stat. 602), as amended, the successors in interest to claims against the United States as therein provided, for payment of compensation and expenses heretofore or hereafter incurred by attorneys prosecuting the claims of the Indians of California before the Indian Claims Commission under contracts approved by the Secretary;

Inasmuch as the contracts between the Indians of California and their attorneys provide for contingent fees, with one minor exception, the committee is of the opinion that tribal funds should not be available for the payment of compensation and expenses of these attorneys.

The committee recommends the inclusion of a provision that would allow the use of $100,000 of tribal funds to the credit of the Indians of California for the purpose of obtaining surplus housing units made available to them in the Housing Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 590). The provision places a limit of $300 for the relocating of any one house.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

Appropriation, 1955	$25,735,000
Budget estimate	26,285,000
House allowance	26,285,000
Committee recommendation	26,985,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $26,985,000 for surveys, investigations, and research by the Geological Survey. The increase of $700,000 above the budget estimate is to be applied to the "Water resources investigations, Federal-State program," activity.

The budget proposed $4,000,000 for this program. However, a recent review of the State offerings disclose that $4,700,000 in Federal funds will be necessary to match the total estimated offerings of the States. Therefore, the committee recommends an increase of $700,000.

Bureau of Mines

CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Appropriation, 1955	$13,500,000
Budget estimate	12,893,000
House allowance	12,893,000
Committee recommendation	13,393,000

The committee recommends an appropriation of $13,393,000 for this appropriation. The increase of $500,000 over the budget estimate is for the operation of the proposed new laboratory and pilot plant for conducting research on the distillation of coal and the products obtained therefrom and the direct reduction of low-grade iron ores to their minerals.

Within the amount allowed, adequate funds are to be allocated for the continuing of the research program on Wyoming coal.

It is the view of the committee that the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of the Budget should undertake a reexamination of the conservation and development of mineral resources of all kinds with a view toward increasing this program during the next fiscal year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Appropriation, 1955	$5,000,000
Budget estimate	5,000,000
House allowance	5,000,000
Committee recommendation	5,000,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $5,000,000 for this appropriation. This appropriation provides funds for: (1) Investigation of accidents and rescue work in the mineral industries, (2) coal-mine inspections and investigations, and (3) explosives and explosions testing and research.

CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation, 1955	$6,000,000
Budget estimate	----------
House allowance	----------
Committee recommendation	2,000,000

The committee recommends an appropriation of $2,000,000 for the initiation of construction of laboratory facilities and a pilot plant for research on the distillation of coal and the products obtained therefrom and the direct reduction of low-grade iron ores to their minerals.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	$1,000,000
Budget estimate	970,000
House allowance	970,000
Committee recommendation	970,000

The committee recommends the budget estimate of $970,000 for this appropriation. These funds provide for the immediate Office of the Director, the Administrative Division in Washington, and the top administrative staffs in the regional offices.

National Park Service

MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION

Appropriation, 1955	$9,098,390
Budget estimate	9,800,000
House allowance	9,800,000
Committee recommendation	9,825,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $9,825,000 for this appropriation. The increase of $25,000 over the budget estimate is to be applied to the "Park and recreation programs, river-basin studies" activity. These funds are for the continuation of archeological investigations in the Arkansas-White-Red River Basin, in the area of the Table Rock Reservoir now under construction.

MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION OF PHYSICAL FACILITIES

Appropriation, 1955	$8,425,000
Budget estimate	8,950,000
House allowance	8,950,000
Committee recommendation	8,950,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $8,950,000 for the maintenance and rehabilitation of physical facilities. This is the amount of the budget estimate and the House allowance.

These funds provide for the maintenance of 6,800 miles of roads and parkways, 8,100 miles of trails, and numerous buildings and utilities in the National Park Service system.

CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation, 1955	$13,618,200
Budget estimate	4,725,000
House allowance	3,725,000
Committee recommendation	5,776,400

The committee recommends an appropriation of $5,776,400 for the construction program of the National Park Service. The program set out in the justifications in support of the budget estimate is approved, and in addition funds have been allowed for the following authorized projects:

Area	*Amount*
Fort Caroline, Fla	$75,000
Cape Hatteras, N. C.; Silver Lake Harbor pier and dock reconstruction	100,000
Hot Springs, Ark., for building alterations	235,000
Isle Royale, Mich., for structures only	150,000
International Peace Garden, N. Dak	75,000
Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial	109,600
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Va., Ky., and Tenn	112,000
Wind Cave, S. Dak	73,800
Saratoga National Park, N. Y., repairs to the General Philip Schuyler House	21,000
Yorktown, Va., Monument	100,000

Yorktown, Va., Monument, $100,000.—The committee is very much concerned over the controversy that has arisen between the sculptor of the figure for the monument and the National Park Service; and is most anxious that an equitable settlement be negotiated between the sculptor and the National Park Service. Therefore, the committee recommends the inclusion of a provision in the bill that will authorize the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate a settlement and relieve the sculptor of any further obligations under the contract. In no event shall any additional payment above the original contract exceed $100,000, and this amount has been included in the bill. However, in approving $100,000 the committee is establishing a ceiling on the amount that can be expended for this purpose. It is not to be construed as a recommendation for settlement.

The committee approves the reprograming for buildings and utilities totaling $315,220, and the reprograming of obligational authority of $475,200 for parkways, and $390,000 for roads and trails as presented to the committee at the hearings.

Acquisition of lands and water rights.—Within the funds recommended for the acquisition of lands and water rights, the Park Service should proceed immediately to acquire that parcel of land within the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park known as the McMillian Farm.

CONSTRUCTION (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

Appropriation, 1955	[1]
Budget estimate	$20,000,000
House allowance	19,654,300
Committee recommendation	19,654,300

[1] $9,493,200 appropriated in "Construction."

The committee recommends the allowance of $19,654,300 for the liquidations of contracts for the construction of parkways, roads, and trails entered into pursuant to the authority granted in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1954. This is the same amount as allowed by the House.

The committee directs that the Park Service not enter into any obligations for the construction of the following projects:

Parkways

George Washington Memorial Parkway: Grading and draining, District of Columbia line to Cabin John, 3 miles, R–11 (portion).

Roads and trails

Fort Drive: Fort Drive, Route FD 1A, MacArthur Boulevard to Nebraska Avenue, grading and other work, 1.1 miles, R–206; Nebraska Avenue Overpass, R–210.

The funds programed for these projects may be applied to other authorized parkways, roads, and trails.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	$1,084,000
Budget estimate	1,175,000
House allowance	1,175,000
Committee recommendation	1,175,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $1,175,000 for the general administrative expenses of the National Park Service.

The committee approves the plan of the Park Service calling for the establishment of an additional regional office on the eastern seaboard.

Fish and Wildlife Service

MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES

Appropriation, 1955	$6,301,000
Budget estimate	6,728,500
House allowance	6,650,000
Committee recommendation	6,753,500

The committee recommends an amount of $6,753,500 for this appropriation. The program set out in the budget has been approved. The increase of $25,000 over the budget estimate is for the following purposes:

Propagation and distribution of food fishes:

1. $5,000 to provide for operation at 100 percent capacity at the Frankfort Fish Cultural Station.

2. $20,000 for the propagation fresh-water mussels. The budget for fiscal year 1957 should include funds for the continuation of this program.

INVESTIGATION OF RESOURCES

Appropriation, 1955	$4,127,000
Budget estimate	3,977,000
House allowance	3,977,000
Committee recommendation	4,187,000

The committee recommends an appropriation of $4,187,000 for the investigation of resources. The program set out in the budget is approved, and increases totaling $210,000 recommended for the following purposes:

Inland fishery research, sea lamprey research, $200,000.—This increase will provide a total of $350,000 for this program, the same amount as available during the current fiscal year.

Research on birds and mammals, cooperative wildlife research units, $10,000.—The committee recommends an increase of $10,000 for this program in order that the Fish and Wildlife Service may cooperate with the Colorado State Board of Agriculture in a research program on the control of pocket gophers.

CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation, 1955	$300,000
Budget estimate	140,000
House allowance	[1]
Committee recommendation	1,000,000

[1] The House approved the projects presented in the budget, and authorized the use of funds available from prior years to carry out the program.

The committee recommends an appropriation of $1,000,000 for the construction program of the Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition to the direct appropriation $210,000 of funds available from prior-year appropriations is to be applied to the following projects:

Project	*Amount*
Millen, Ga., Fish Cultural Station	$60,000
North Attleboro, Mass., Fish Cultural Station	55,000
Pittsford, Vt., Fish Cultural Station	12,000
Cortland, N. Y., Fish Cultural Station	12,000
Quilcene, Wash., Fish Cultural Station	1,000
Welaka, Fla., Fish Cultural Station—clearing of Beecher Spring	30,000
Springville, Utah, Fish Cultural Station	40,000

Devil's Kitchen Dam, Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge.—The committee recommends the allowance of $1,000,000 for the resumption of construction of the Devil's Kitchen Dam in the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge. A provision has been included authorizing the transfer of these funds to the Corps of Engineers, which shall have the responsibility for the construction of this project.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	$725,000
Budget estimate	760,000
House allowance	760,000
Committee recommendation	760,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $760,000 for the general administrative expenses of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

These funds provide for the expense of the Washington headquarters, and for the administrative expenses in the regional offices.

Office of Territories

ADMINISTRATION OF TERRITORIES

Appropriation, 1955	$3,400,000
Budget estimate	2,624,000
House allowance	2,600,000
Committee recommendation	2,619,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $2,619,000 for this appropriation. The increase of $19,000 over the House allowance is for the following activities:

Territory of Alaska: Governor's office	$2,000
General administration	17,000

The funds in this appropriation provide for the expenses of the Washington office, the offices of the Governors of Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa; for the legislatures of the Territories as authorized by law; for the care of the mentally ill in Alaska; and in American Samoa for the judiciary and for essential community services.

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Appropriation, 1955	$5,000,000
Budget estimate	5,000,000
House allowance	[1] 4,000,000
Committee recommendation	[2] 4,500,000

[1] And in addition the use of $1,000,000 of the Island Trading Company surplus is authorized.
[2] And in addition the use of $500,000 of the Island Trading Company surplus is authorized.

The committee recommends an appropriation of $4,500,000, and the use of $500,000 of the Island Trading Company surplus for the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The liquidation of the Island Trading Company placed all responsibilities for trading and economic activities upon the local trading companies operating in the area. The committee recognizes that if these small trading companies are to be successful they must have adequate financing. Inasmuch as there is no local financing available,

the committee recommends the inclusion in the bill of a provision to authorize the use of $500,000 of the Island Trading Company surplus as a revolving fund for loans. This fund is to be administered by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and annual reports shall be made to the Appropriation Committees on the status of the fund.

ALASKA PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriation, 1955	$9,500,000
Budget estimate	$5,000,000
House allowance	None
Committee recommendation	$5,000,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $5,000,000 for the Alaska public works program. These funds are to carry out the public works program authorized by the Congress which is essential to the civilian needs due largely to the activities of the military in the area. Fifty percent of the total cost is recovered from the Territorial government or other public bodies in Alaska.

The program set out in the budget is approved.

CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, ALASKA

Appropriation, 1955	$8,000,000
Budget estimate	7,800,000
House allowance	4,800,000
Committee recommendation	7,800,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $7,800,000 for the construction of roads in Alaska.

The committee recognizes that the construction of roads in Alaska is necessary to assure continued economic development of the Territory, and to support the defense activities in the area.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, ALASKA

Appropriation, 1955	$3,500,000
Budget estimate	3,500,000
House allowance	3,500,000
Committee recommendation	3,500,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $3,500,000 for the operation and maintenance of the Alaska Road Commission road system. As of June 1955 this system will include approximately 3,600 miles of roads.

CONSTRUCTION, ALASKA RAILROAD

Appropriation, 1955	$2,900,000
Budget estimate	4,100,000
House allowance	4,100,000
Committee recommendation	4,100,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $4,100,000 for this appropriation. This is the same amount of the budget estimate and the House allowance.

These funds will complete the rehabilitation of the Seward-Portage portion of the railroad.

Administration, Department of the Interior

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	$2,330,000
Budget estimate	2,081,000
House allowance	2,065,000
Committee recommendation	2,081,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $2,081,000 for the administration of the Department. The program set out in the budget is approved.

REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES

The committee recommends that authority be granted for the purchase of 634 passenger motor vehicles for replacement only. All of these vehicles meet the criteria for replacement of the Bureau of the Budget. These vehicles are divided among the bureaus and agencies of the Department as follows:

Agency	*Number*
Office of the Secretary	5
Bureau of Land Management	21
Bureau of Indian Affairs	175
Geological Survey	77
Bureau of Mines	126
National Park Service	98
Fish and Wildlife Service	128
Office of Territories	4
Total	634

It has come to the attention of the committee that the Comptroller General has ruled vehicles known as coupe-pickups are to be considered as passenger-carrying vehicles, and must be charged against the authority to purchase passenger-carrying vehicles. The committee is convinced that this type of vehicle provides an economical operation for light field work, and should not be considered as a passenger-carrying vehicle.

Therefore, the committee recommends the inclusion of a provision in the bill stating that this type of vehicle shall not be considered a passenger-carrying vehicle.

TITLE II—RELATED AGENCIES

Commission of Fine Arts

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	$21,200
Budget estimate	21,200
House allowance	21,200
Committee recommendation	21,200

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $21,200 for the salaries and expenses of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The Commission advises the President, Congress, and the Department heads on matters of architecture, sculpture, painting, and other fine arts; and administers the Old Georgetown Act.

Federal Coal Mine Safety Board of Review

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	$75,000
Budget estimate	70,000
House allowance	70,000
Committee recommendation	70,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $70,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Board of Review. This is the amount of the budget estimate.

The Board hears and determines applications filed with it by coal-mine operators seeking annulment of or revision of orders issued by the Bureau of Mines under the Federal Coal Mine Safety Act.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The committee recommends the inclusion in the bill of a provision appropriating $150,000 for the construction of roads at the National Arboretum.

It is the view of the committee that the arboretum should be open to the public throughout the year; however, the committee recognizes that the present system of roads will have to be improved and expanded to make the arboretum available to the public. The committee has been advised by the Bureau of Public Roads that the cost of such improvements will be approximately $300,000. An initial appropriation of $150,000 is recommended in this bill, and it is the hope of the committee that the balance of the total needed for this work will be included in the budget for fiscal year 1957.

National Forest Service

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, NATIONAL FOREST PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Appropriation, 1955	$30,536,500
Budget estimate	32,411,500
House allowance	32,411,500
Committee recommendation	37,111,500

The committee recommends the allowance of $37,111,500 for this appropriation. The program set out in the budget has been approved, and increases totaling $4,700,000 recommended for the following activities:

Timber resource management, $1,000,000.—In view of the expanding demand for timber from the national forests it is imperative that adequate funds be provided for the planning and administration of additional timber sales, to meet this demand. Receipts from the additional sales, that will be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, will far exceed the amount provided for this purpose.

Water resource management, $200,000.—This increase will allow the Forest Service to provide more intensified management of the water resources under its jurisdiction, especially in those areas which are not included in the Department's watershed-protection and flood-prevention activities.

Sanitation and care of public campgrounds, $1,000,000.—This increase will provide a total of $2,170,000 for this activity. These funds provide for the operation, maintenance, rehabilitation of existing facilities, and the construction of new facilities in the 4,700 public use areas in the national forests. The additional funds are necessary to provide proper administration of these areas in view of the tremendous increase in the number of visitors—40 million visitors annually—since World War II.

Maintenance of improvements, $300,000.—These funds provide for the maintenance of numerous communication lines, lookout towers, ranger stations, and other improvements throughout the national forests. The budget provides only $2,975,000 for this purpose, and the estimate of annual requirements is in excess of $5,000,000. For a number of years the Forest Service has been forced to operate on a "deferred maintenance" policy due to the lack of funds which has resulted in a general deterioration of these improvements.

The Department should review the needs of the Forest Service under this activity, with the view of including adequate funds in the budget for fiscal year 1957.

Forest-fire protection, $625,000.—This increase will provide for more intensified fire protection in the national forests of southern California to protect valuable watershed lands. The committee was impressed with the extent of local participation in this field.

Forest rangers, forest supervisors, and other multiple activity employees, $300,000.—In view of the expansion in the many activities of the Forest Service, it is essential that a limited number of additional rangers be employed.

Resource development, $875,000.—This increase will provide for reforestation and range revegetation on the national forest. There are about 7,450,000 acres of national-forest land that need attention under this program.

Additional cost resulting from the enactment of recent legislation, $400,000.—Recent laws enacted by the Congress require that the National Forest Service pay uniform allowances to many of its employees, and provide for the payment of overtime to certain employees. To require that these costs be absorbed is the same as making reductions in appropriations for the regular activities of the Forest Service. Therefore, the committee recommends the allowance of $400,000 to meet part of these costs.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, FIGHTING FOREST FIRES

Appropriation, 1955	$6,000,000
Budget estimate	5,250,000
House allowance	5,250,000
Committee recommendation	5,250,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $5,250,000 for fighting forest fires. It is impossible to determine the amount needed for this purpose, and in the event the sum recommended is not sufficient the committee expects the Department to request additional funds.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, CONTROL OF FOREST PESTS

Appropriation, 1955	[1] $7,507,500
Budget estimate	[2] 6,107,500
House allowance	4,937,500
Committee recommendation	6,537,500

[1] Includes $2,570,000 in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955.
[2] Includes $1,170,000 submitted in S. Doc. 30 Not considered by the House.

The committee recommends the allowance of $6,537,500 for the control of the forest pests. The program presented in the budget—including the supplemental estimate submitted in Senate Document 30—has been approved. An additional $430,000 is recommended for the white-pine blister rust control program on national forest lands.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, FOREST RESEARCH

Appropriation, 1955	$7,054,000
Budget estimate	7,254,000
House allowance	7,254,000
Committee recommendation	7,754,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $7,754,000 for forest research. The program presented in the budget is approved, and funds are recommended for the following increases:

Expanded research in the long leaf-slash pine belt, extending from Georgia and Florida westward to Texas	$300,000
For forest, range, and water management studies in the Blackhills area and surrounding country in North and South Dakota and Wyoming	100,000
For research on the control of uneconomic water-loving vegetation in areas of the West where there is a scarcity of water	40,000
For research on fire protection and for strengthening forestry research in other parts of the country	60,000
Total	500,000

FOREST ROADS AND TRAILS

Appropriation, 1955	$22,500,000
Budget estimate	24,000,000
House allowance	24,000,000
Committee recommendation	24,000,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $24,000,000 for the construction of forest roads and trails. This is the amount authorized in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954 for this purpose.

ACQUISITION OF LANDS—WEEKS ACT

Appropriation, 1955	$125,000
Budget estimate	----------
House allowance	----------
Committee recommendation	190,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $190,000 for the acquisition of lands within the boundaries of national forests under the Weeks Act.

Within the amount recommended, $150,000 is for the acquisition of scattered and unoccupied tracts of land within the Chippewa National Forest which the present owners—the Chippewa Indians—are anxious to sell. The balance is for the acquisition of small, scattered areas with the boundaries of various national forests.

ACQUISITION OF LANDS—SPECIAL ACTS

Appropriation, 1955	$10,000
Budget estimate	-------
House allowance	-------
Committee recommendation	10,000

The committee recommends the use of $10,000 of the receipts for the acquisition of watershed lands within the Cache National Forest. This appropriation of receipts was authorized by the act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347).

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY COOPERATION

Appropriation, 1955	$10,683,690
Budget estimate	9,600,000
House allowance	10,683,690
Committee recommendation	12,983,690

The committee recommends that the program set out in the House report be approved, and recommends the allowance of funds for the following increases:

Cooperation in forest-fire control	$2,000,000
Cooperation in forest-tree planting and cooperation in forest management and processing	300,000

Within the increase recommended for forest management and processing cooperation adequate funds are to be allocated to assure the participation of the States of Pennsylvania, Utah, and Montana in this program.

COOPERATIVE RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Appropriation, 1955	$400,000
Budget estimate	280,000
House allowance	400,000
Committee recommendation	700,000

The committee recommends the appropriation of $700,000 for cooperative range improvements. Under the Granger-Thye Act of April 24, 1950, this is the approximate amount that should be appropriated under the authorized formula of 2 cents per animal-month for sheep and goats and 10 cents per animal-month for other kinds of livestock under permit on the national forest ranges.

General Provisions, Forest Service

REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES

The committee recommends that authority be granted for the Forest Service to replace 165 passenger-carrying vehicles. This is the same number authorized for replacement in the budget and allowed by the House.

Indian Claims Commission

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	$117,000
Budget estimate	119,500
House allowance	119,500
Committee recommendation	119,500

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $119,500 for salaries and expenses of the Indian Claims Commission.

The Commission was created to hear and adjudicate claims, existing before August 13, 1946, of American Indian tribes, bands, or other identifiable groups of Indians residing within the territorial limits of the United States or Alaska.

JAMESTOWN-WILLIAMSBURG-YORKTOWN CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Appropriation, 1955	$100,000
Budget estimate	100,000
House allowance	100,000
Committee recommendation	100,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $100,000 for the Jamestown-Williamsburg-Yorktown Celebration Commission.

This Commission was established by Public Law 263, 83d Congress (67 Stat. 576) to develop and execute plans for celebrating the 350th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown; the flowering of colonial Virginia culture at Williamsburg; and the winning of American independence at Yorktown in 1781.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1955	$143,000
Budget estimate	200,000
House allowance	143,000
Committee recommendation	143,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $143,000 for the salaries and expenses of the National Capital Planning Commission. This is the same amount as provided for the current fiscal year.

LAND ACQUISITION

Appropriation, 1955	$545,000
Budget estimate	900,000
House allowance	500,000
Committee recommendation	500,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $500,000 for the acquisition of lands by the National Capital Planning Commission. The use of funds available from prior-year appropriations may be used to acquire lands set out in the budget justifications, including the Palisades Park Flats.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Appropriation, 1955	$3,000,000
Budget estimate	4,000,000
House allowance	4,000,000
Committee recommendation	4,000,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $4,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Smithsonian Institution.

The committee recommends that the following provision be stricken from the bill:

: *Provided;* That, the Secretary may, in accordance with such policies as the Board of Regents may from time to time prescribe, employ such technical and professional personnel (Not to exceed five) as he may deem necessary for the discharge of the responsibilities of the Smithsonian Institution under the Act creating it, and, subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission, fix their rates of compensation at not more than that provided for grade GS–18

In lieu thereof the following provision be included:

: Provided, That the Smithsonian Institution is authorized without regard to Section 505 of the Classification Act of 1949, to place four positions in GS–17, and one additional position in GS–16 of the General Schedule established by said Act:

The committee recognizes that it is necessary that the Smithsonian Institution be allowed to increase the compensation of its top professional and scientific personnel. Therefore, the following positions are placed in the indicated grades of the classification schedule:

Position	*Grade*
Assistant Secretary	GS–17
Assistant Secretary	GS–17
Director, Astrophysical Observatory	GS–17
Director, U. S. National Museum	GS–17
Director, National Air Museum	GS–16
Director, National Zoological Park	GS–16

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

Appropriation, 1955	$1,300,000
Budget estimate	1,355,000
House allowance	1,355,000
Committee recommendation	1,355,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $1,355,000 for the salaries and expenses of the National Gallery of Art.

WOODROW WILSON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Appropriation, 1955	None
Budget estimate	$10,000
House allowance	10,000
Committee recommendation	10,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $10,000 for the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission.

Public Law 704, 83d Cong. (64 Stat. 964), authorized this Commission to develop and execute plans for celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Woodrow Wilson.

TITLE III—THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CORPORATION

GRANTS

Appropriation, 1955	$510,000
Budget estimate	390,000
House allowance	390,000
Committee recommendation	390,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $390,000 for grants to the Virgin Islands Corporation.

Of the total, $260,000 is for the operating losses of the Corporation, and $130,000 is for the continuation of the forestry and soil conservation programs throughout the islands.

AUTHORITY TO USE CORPORATE FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Fiscal year 1955	$130,000
Budget estimate	160,000
House allowance	160,000
Committee recommendation	160,000

The committee authorizes the use of $160,000 of corporate funds for administrative expenses.

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LIBRARIES

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

PERMANENT AND INDEFINITE APPROPRIATIONS, GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS

	Appropriated, 1955	Estimated, 1956	Increase (+) or decrease (−)
Range improvements	$387,976	$587,000	+$199,024
Payments to States (proceeds of sales)	149,000	165,000	+16,000
Payment of royalties to Oklahoma	12,000	12,000	----------
Leasing of grazing lands	3,000	3,000	----------
Payments to States (grazing fees)	500	500	----------
Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands, payment to Coos and Douglas Counties, Oreg., in lieu of taxes	28,276	30,000	+1,724
Oregon and California grant lands, payments to counties	12,612,500	7,487,500	−5,125,000
Payments to States from grazing receipts, public lands	347,100	398,000	+50,900
Mineral Leasing Act, payments to States	23,583,600	25,762,500	+2,178,900
Alaska school lands, payment to Alaska	700	700	----------
Expenses, sale of timber, etc., on reclamation land	2,000	2,000	----------
Claim and treaty obligations, Indian Affairs	140,500	140,500	----------
Operation and maintenance, revenues, Indian irrigation systems	2,174,827	2,210,700	+35,873
Power revenues, Indian irrigation projects	1,351,828	1,393,623	+41,795
Acquisition of lands and loans to Indians in Oklahoma, act of June 26, 1936	10,000	10,000	----------
Indian arts and crafts fund	200	200	----------
Payments from proceeds of sale of water, Geological Survey	600	600	----------
Development and operation of helium properties, Bureau of Mines	1,146,000	1,307,000	+161,000
Educational expenses, children of employees, Yellowstone National Park	30,609	30,416	−193
Operation, management, maintenance, and demolition of federally acquired properties, Independence National Historical Park, National Park Service	131,495	150,000	+18,505
Payment to the State of Wyoming, in lieu of taxes on lands in Grand Teton National Park National Park Service	25,813	26,100	+287

Purchase of Great Onyx and Crystal Cave properties, Mammoth Cave National Park, National Park Service	21,373	15,000	−6,373
Migratory bird conservation fund	4,500,000	4,500,000	
Federal aid in wildlife restoration	10,266,257	11,000,000	+733,743
Federal aid in fish restoration and management	4,625,338	5,000,000	+374,662
Management of national wildlife refuges	1,693,059	1,875,000	+181,941
Management of resources, Fish and Wildlife Service	689,433	761,500	+72,067
Administration of Pribilof Islands	1,654,540	1,827,000	+172,960
Expenses incident to sale of refuge products	30,000	30,000	
Payments to counties under Migratory Bird Conservation Act	564,353	625,000	+60,647
Internal Revenue collections for Virgin Islands, Office of Territories	4,000,000	4,000,000	
Alaska Railroad fund	17,700,000	17,700,000	
Total, general and special funds	87,882,977	87,051,439	−831,538

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TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS

[Not a charge against revenue]

	Appropriated, 1955	Estimated, 1956	Increase (+) or decrease (−)
Deposits by individuals for surveying public lands	$17,000	$17,000	
Administration and protection of grazing districts	200,000	200,000	
Trustee funds, Alaska townsites, Bureau of Land Management	3,400	3,400	
Indian moneys, proceeds of labor	3,373,000	3,070,000	−$303,000
Miscellaneous trust funds of Indian tribes	35,000,000	35,000,000	
Advances, authorized services, Geological Survey	500,000	500,000	
Contributed funds, Bureau of Mines	450,000	450,000	
Donations, including land, national parks	775,500	700,000	−75,500
Gifts or bequests of personal property, national parks	2,961	2,461	−500
Birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, preservation of national parks	1,585	1,585	
Miscellaneous contributed funds, Fish and Wildlife Service	40,000	18,240	−21,760
Improvement of roads, bridges, and trails, Alaska	300,000	410,000	+110,000
Total appropriations, trust funds	40,663,446	40,372,686	−290,760
Total, permanent and indefinite appropriations, including trust funds	128,546,423	127,424,125	−1,122,298

NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE

PERMANENT AND INDEFINITE APPROPRIATIONS, GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS

	Appropriated, 1955	Estimated, 1956	Increase (+) or decrease (−)
Payments to school funds, Arizona and New Mexico, national forests receipts	$102,579	$102,000	−$579
Expenses, brush disposal, Forest Service (special receipt fund)	3,000,000	3,300,000	+300,000
Forest fire prevention	50,000	50,000	
Payment to Minnesota (Cook, Lake, and St. Louis Counties) from the national forests receipts	45,300	45,300	
Payments due counties, submarginal land program, Farm Tenant Act (receipt funds)	375,000	375,000	
Payments to States and Territories from the national forests receipts	16,393,583	15,500,000	−893,583
Roads and trails for States, national forests receipts	6,559,408	6,200,000	−359,408
Total, general and special funds	26,525,870	25,572,300	−953,570

TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Cooperative work, Forest Service	$9,000,000	$9,000,000	

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LIBRARIES

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1955, ESTIMATES FOR 1956, AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR 1956

Agency and item	Appropriations, 1955	Budget estimates, 1956	House allowance	Amount recommended by the Senate committee	Increase (+) or decrease (−), Senate bill compared with—		
					Appropriations, 1955	Estimates, 1956	House bill
TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR							
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY							
Research in utilization of saline water	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000			
Salaries and expenses, Oil and Gas Division	[1] 390,000	[1] 390,000	[1] 390,000	[1] 390,000			
Office of the Solicitor	([2] *2,669,000*)	2,525,000	2,525,000	2,525,000	+$2,525,000		
Office of Minerals Mobilization		300,000	250,000	225,000	+225,000	−$75,000	−$25,000
Emergency flood and storm repairs	100,000				−100,000		
Total, Office of the Secretary	890,000	3,615,000	3,565,000	3,540,000	+2,650,000	−75,000	−25,000
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT							
Management of lands and resources	[3] 12,263,000	13,400,000	13,400,000	13,500,000	+1,237,000	+100,000	+100,000
Construction	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,300,000	2,300,000	−200,000	−200,000	
Range improvements [4]	*(387,976)*	*(587,000)*	*(587,000)*	*(587,000)*	*(+199,024)*		
Total, Bureau of Land Management	14,763,000	15,900,000	15,700,000	15,800,000	+1,037,000	−100,000	+100,000
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS							
Education and welfare services	37,060,668	41,675,000	41,675,000	41,864,995	+4,804,327	+189,995	+189,995
Resources management	[5] 12,763,045	12,532,000	12,332,000	12,432,000	−331,045	−100,000	+100,000
Construction	[7] 12,916,433	7,847,356	2,847,356	7,979,003	−4,937,430	+131,647	+5,131,647
Road construction and maintenance (liquidation of contract authorization)	(6)	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	+7,000,000		
General administrative expenses	[8] 2,460,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	+140,000		
Relocation of the Yankton Sioux Tribe	50,000	56,500	56,500	56,500	+6,500		
Total, Bureau of Indian Affairs, excluding [illegible]							

Relocation of the Yankton Sioux Tribe	50,000	56,500	56,500	56,500	+6,500		
Total, Bureau of Indian Affairs, exclusive of tribal funds	65,250,146	71,710,856	66,510,856	71,932,498	+6,682,352	+221,642	+5,421,642
Tribal funds (not included in totals of this tabulation)	*(3,000,000)*	*(3,200,000)*	*(3,200,000)*	*(3,100,000)*	*(+100,000)*	*(−100,000)*	*(−100,000)*
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY							
Surveys, investigations, and research	25,735,000	26,285,000	26,285,000	26,985,000	+1,250,000	+700,000	+700,000
BUREAU OF MINES							
Conservation and development of mineral resources	13,500,000	12,893,000	12,893,000	13,393,000	−107,000	+500,000	+500,000
Health and safety	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000			
Construction	6,000,000			2,000,000	−4,000,000	+2,000,000	+2,000,000
General administrative expenses	1,000,000	970,000	970,000	970,000	−30,000		
Total, Bureau of Mines	25,500,000	18,863,000	18,863,000	21,363,000	−4,137,000	+2,500,000	+2,500,000
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE							
Management and protection	9,098,390	9,800,000	9,800,000	9,825,000	+726,610	+25,000	+25,000
Maintenance and rehabilitation of physical facilities	8,425,000	8,950,000	8,950,000	8,950,000	+525,000		
Construction	13,618,200	4,725,000	3,725,000	5,776,400	−7,841,800	+1,051,400	+2,051,400
Construction (liquidation of contract authorization)	[2]	20,000,000	19,654,300	19,654,300	+19,654,300	−345,700	
Jones Point Bridge	[2] 600,000				−600,000		
General administrative expenses	1,084,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	+91,000		
Total, National Park Service	32,825,590	44,650,000	43,304,300	45,380,700	+12,555,110	+730,700	+2,076,400
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE							
Management of resources	6,301,000	6,728,500	6,650,000	6,753,500	+452,500	+25,000	+103,500
Investigations of resources	4,127,000	3,977,000	3,977,000	4,187,000	+60,000	+210,000	+210,000
Construction	300,000	140,000		1,000,000	+700,000	+860,000	+1,000,000
General administrative expenses	725,000	760,000	760,000	760,000	+35,000		
Administration of Pribilof Islands [4]	*(1,654,640)*	*(1,827,600)*	*(1,727,600)*	*(1,827,600)*	*(+172,960)*		
Total, Fish and Wildlife Service	11,453,000	11,605,500	11,387,000	12,700,500	+1,247,500	+1,095,000	+1,313,500

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Agency and item	Appropriations, 1955	Budget estimates, 1956	House allowance	Amount recommended by the Senate committee	Increase (+) or decrease (−), Senate bill compared with—		
					Appropriations, 1955	Estimates, 1956	House bill
TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR—Continued							
OFFICE OF TERRITORIES							
Administration of Territories	$3,400,000	$2,624,000	$2,600,000	$2,619,000	−$781,000	−$5,000	+$19,000
Trust Territory o the Pacific Islands	5,000,000	5,000,000	[11] 4,000,000	[12] 4,500,000	−500,000	−500,000	+500,000
Alaska public works	9,500,000	5,000,000	----------	5,000,000	−4,500,000	----------	+5,000,000
Construction of roads, Alaska	8,000,000	7,800,000	4,800,000	7,800,000	−200,000	----------	+3,000,000
Operation and maintenance of roads, Alaska	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	----------	----------	----------
Construction, Alaska Railroad	2,900,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	+1,200,000	----------	----------
Total, Office of Territories	32,300,000	28,024,000	19,000,000	27,519,000	−4,781,000	−505,000	8,519,000
ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR							
Salaries and expenses	2,330,000	2,081,000	2,065,000	2,081,000	−249,000	----------	+16,000
Total, Department of the Interior	211,046,736	222,734,356	206,680,156	227,301,698	+16,254,962	+4,567,342	+20,521,542
TITLE II—RELATED AGENCIES							
Commission of Fine Arts	21,200	21,200	21,200	21,200	----------	----------	----------
Federa. Coal Mine Safety Board of Review	75,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	−5,000	----------	----------
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE							
Agricultural Research Service:							
Salaries and expenses	----------	----------	----------	150,000	+150,000	+150,000	+150,000

Forest Service:							
Salaries and expenses:							
National forest protection and management	30, 536, 500	32, 411, 500	32, 411, 500	37, 111, 500	+6, 575, 000	+4, 700, 000	+4, 700, 000
Fighting forest fires	6, 000, 000	5, 250, 000	5, 250, 000	5, 250, 000	−750, 000		
Control of forest pests	[12] 7, 507, 500	[14] 6, 107, 500	4, 937, 500	6, 537, 500	−970, 000	+430, 000	+1, 600, 000
Forest research	7, 054, 000	7, 254, 000	7, 254, 000	7, 754, 000	+700, 000	+500, 000	+500, 000
Subtotal	51, 098, 000	51, 023, 000	49, 853, 000	56, 653, 000	+5, 555, 000	+5, 630, 000	+6, 800, 000
Roads and trails	22, 500, 000	24, 000, 000	24, 000, 000	24, 000, 000	+1, 500, 000		
Acquisition of lands for national forests:							
Weeks Act	125, 000			190, 000	+65, 000	+190, 000	+190, 000
Special acts [4]	*(10, 000)*			*(10, 000)*		*(+10, 000)*	*(+10, 000)*
State and private forestry cooperation	10, 683, 690	9, 000, 000	10, 683, 690	12, 983, 690	+2, 300, 000	+3, 383, 690	+2, 306, 000
Cooperative range improvements (special account) [4]	*(400, 000)*	*(280, 000)*	*(400, 000)*	*(700, 000)*	*(+300, 000)*	*(+420, 000)*	*(+300, 000)*
Total, Forest Service	84, 406, 690	84, 623, 000	84, 536, 690	93, 826, 690	+9, 420, 000	+9, 203, 690	+9, 290, 000
Indian Claims Commission	117, 000	119, 500	119, 500	119, 500	+2, 500		
Jamestown-Williamsburg-Yorktown Celebration Commission	100, 000	100, 000	100, 000	100, 000			
John Marshall Bicentennial Celebration Commission	[13] 10, 000				−10, 000		
National Capital Planning Commission:							
Salaries and expenses	143, 000	200, 000	143, 000	143, 000		−57, 000	
Salaries and expenses, mass transportation survey	[16] 200, 000				−200, 000		
Land acquisition	545, 000	900, 000	500, 000	500, 000	−45, 000	−400, 000	
Total, National Capital Planning Commission	888, 000	1, 100, 000	643, 000	643, 000	−245, 000	−457, 000	

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					Appropriations, 1955	Estimates, 1956	House bill
TITLE II—RELATED AGENCIES—Continued							
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—continued							
Smithsonian Institution:							
Salaries and expenses, Smithsonian Institution	$3,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	+$1,000,000	----------	----------
Salaries and expenses, National Gallery of Art	1,300,000	1,355,000	1,355,000	1,355,000	+55,000	----------	----------
Total, Smithsonian Institution	4,300,000	5,355,000	5,355,000	5,355,000	1,055,000	----------	----------
Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission	----------	10,000	10,000	10,000	+10,000	----------	----------
Total, related agencies	89,917,890	91,398,700	90,855,390	100,295,390	+10,377,500	+$8,896,690	+$9,440,000
TITLE III—VIRGIN ISLANDS CORPORATION							
Grants	510,000	390,000	390,000	390,000	−120,000	----------	----------
Administrative expenses [17]	(180,000)	(180,000)	(180,000)	(180,000)	(+30,000)	----------	----------
Grand total, titles, I, II, and III	301,474,626	314,523,056	297,925,546	327,987,088	+26,512,462	+13,464,032	+30,061,542

[1] Includes $140,000 for enforcement of Connally Hot Oil Act.
[2] Derived by transfer from other appropriations.
[3] Includes $350,000 in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955.
[4] Appropriation of receipts. Not included in totals of this table.
[5] Excludes $23,666,547 for health services transferred to the Public Health Service.
[6] Excludes $218,200 for health services transferred to the Public Health Service.
[7] Excludes $1,687,567 for health services transferred to the Public Health Service.
[8] Funds for this purpose were provided under other appropriations.
[9] Excludes $290,000 for health services transferred to the Public Health Service.
[10] Included in Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955.
[11] And in addition, $1,000,000 from surplus resulting from liquidation of the Island Trading Company.
[12] And in addition, $500,000 from surplus resulting from liquidation of the Island Trading Company.
[13] Includes $2,570,000 in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955.
[14] Supplemental estimate of $1,170,000 submitted in S. Doc. 30.
[15] Included in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955.
[16] Included in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955.
[17] Limitation on use of corporate funds.

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RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF MONEY ORDERS

MAY 2, 1955.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. CARLSON, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1488]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1488) relating to the payment of money orders, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

AMENDMENTS

Page 2, line 6, strike out "six" and insert in lieu thereof "eight".

Page 2, line 9, strike out "six-year" and insert in lieu thereof "eight-year".

Page 2, beginning with line 15, strike out "after one year from the last day of the month of issue of such money orders".

The first two amendments will extend the period of limitations from 6 to 8 years. The third amendment deletes language which makes distinction between money orders less than 1 year old and those over 1 year old.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this legislation is to provide an 8-year statute of limitations on unpaid postal money orders. Money orders heretofore and hereafter issued and all claims for unpaid money orders shall be forever barred unless received by the Post Office Department within 8 years from the last day of the month of original issue.

A savings provision for holders of money orders presently more than 8 years old is provided in that the limitation on payment will not become effective until the first day of the sixth calendar month after enactment.

Under the present law, no limitation of time is provided for unpaid money orders and as a result, since the enactment of the postal money

order system in 1864, voluminous records have accumulated. Administrative expenditures for maintaining such records far surpass the justification against the possibility of a claim.

Section 1 of the bill repeals procedural provisions of the present laws relating to the payment of money orders.

The objective of this legislation has the approval of the Comptroller General and the Bureau of the Budget.

AGENCY REPORTS

Attached hereto is the letter from the Postmaster General requesting this legislation and the favorable report from the Comptroller General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, D. C., February 28, 1955.

Honorable RICHARD M. NIXON,
President of the United States Senate.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: There is transmitted herewith for consideration by Congress proposed legislation relating to the payment of money orders.

At the present time, there is no limit as to the time after their issuance within which money orders may be paid. This fact creates the necessity of maintaining indefinitely records of unpaid money orders.

It is believed to be desirable and proper that there be provided some statute of limitations terminating liability on outstanding money orders. It is further believed that 6 years from the date of their issuance should be an adequate period of time within which money orders should be presented for payment.

This legislative proposal is designed to accomplish this objective. Its enactment would permit this Department to destroy old records of outstanding money orders which have been maintained since 1864.

In connection with this objective, it is proposed that the following acts or parts of acts be repealed:

(1) Section 4 of the act of July 16, 1894, as amended (39 U. S. C. 730), which provides for the payment of any money order remaining unpaid after the lapse of 7 years from the date of issue;

(2) That part of the act of May 27, 1908, as amended (39 U. S. C. 731), which provides for the payment of any domestic money order remaining unpaid after the lapse of 3 years from the date of issue, and which also requires the maintenance of a complete and permanent record of all unpaid money orders issued by postmasters in the United States, or such of its insular possessions as are amenable to the authority of the Postmaster General for payment within its territory, such record to serve as a basis for adjudicating claims for payment by warrant of the amounts of said orders; and

(3) Section 12 of the act of June 26, 1934 (48 Stat. 1229; 31 U. S. C. 725k), which provides that effective July 1, 1935, the appropriation account "Unpaid Money Orders More than One Year Old" is abolished and the balances therein are covered into postal revenues and any appropriations to which expenditures under such accounts have been chargeable theretofore, are repealed. It is further provided that there is hereby authorized to be appropriated from postal revenues such sums as may be necessary to make any expenditures which, but for its abolition, would be chargeable to this account.

In order that the laws relating to the payment of money orders may be further modernized it also is proposed to repeal the provisions of law codified in section 718 of title 39.

Section 2 of the proposed legislation establishes a 6-year statute of limitation for the payment of claims for money orders. In order that the rights of persons who now hold money orders which have been outstanding for more than 6 years may be protected, it is proposed that this section be made effective on the first day of the sixth calendar month beginning after the date of the enactment of the legislation.

It is believed that legislation such as is transmitted herewith will achieve the desired results, and its early enactment is recommended.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there would be no objection to the submission of this legislative proposal to Congress.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR E. SUMMERFIELD.
Postmaster General.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, April 8, 1955.

Hon. OLIN D. JOHNSTON,
Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,
United States Senate.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your letter of March 22, 1955, requesting our views and comments concerning S. 1488, 84th Congress. The bill, if enacted, would bar all claims for unpaid money orders unless received by the Post Office Department within 6 years from the last day of the month of original issue. In addition, the bill provides that the funds accrued as a result of the 6-year bar may be transferred to postal revenues and that the records of the Post Office Department shall serve as the basis for adjudicating claims for payment of money orders that are more than 1 year old.

We believe that the establishment of a 6-year bar on the payment of money orders is desirable. Such 6-year period would be more than adequate for the cashing of a money order and the establishment of such a bar would eliminate large quantities of records which, under existing law, the Post Office Department must now retain indefinitely. Also, since the 6-year bar would not become effective until 6 months from the date of enactment, holders of 6-year-old money orders would be given ample opportunity to present them for payment. In addition, it would simplify the work of the Division of Audits of our Office in auditing paid money orders.

We are of the opinion, however, that the words "after 1 year from the last day of the month of issue of such money orders" should be deleted from the last sentence of section 2 of the bill. One of the purposes of this legislation and of section 205 of the act of May 28, 1954 (67 Stat. 149) (authorizing payment of money orders from money-order receipts instead of from annual appropriations), is to eliminate the distinctions between money orders less than 1 year old and those over 1 year old. The words quoted above, unless eliminated from the bill, would give rise to a question as to what records would serve as the basis for paying money orders that are less than 1 year old.

We believe the enactment of the bill would be in the interest of the Government and will result in a more economical operation of the money-order system and therefore, subject to the revision suggested above, we favor enactment of the proposed legislation.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH CAMPBELL,
Comptroller General of the United States.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection 4 of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets):

SECTION 5 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 3, 1883

[SEC. 5. That the Comptroller General of the United States shall, as soon as practicable after this Act takes effect, transmit to the Postmaster-General a statement of the aggregate amount of domestic money orders and postal notes which shall have remained unpaid for a period of one year or more from the last day of the month of their issue.

[It shall be the duty of the postmasters at all money-order offices to render to the Comptroller General of the United States a monthly statement, beginning at the end of the first month of the fiscal year commencing July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, of all domestic money orders payable at their respective offices, as evidenced by advice, remaining unpaid for one year from the last day

of the month of issue, such statement to be accompanied by the advice and not to include any money orders issued at a date prior to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and the amount of money represented by the Comptroller General's statement, and by the monthly statements of the postmasters, as certified to the Postmaster-General by the Comptroller General shall be turned into the Treasury by the Postmaster-General for account of the Post-Office Department to be used as current revenues. And thereafter domestic money orders shall not be paid at the offices upon which they are drawn, or at the offices of issue after one year from the last day of the month of issue of such money orders; but such money orders shall be sent to the Post-Office Department and shall be paid by a warrant of the Postmaster-General countersigned by the Comptroller General of the United States out of any money in the Treasury to the credit of the Post-Office Department, to the extent of the moneys paid in on this account, the payments so made to be charged to an appropriation account hereby created to be denominated "Unpaid money orders more than one year old."]

SECTION 4 OF THE ACT OF JULY 16, 1894

[SEC. 4. The Postmaster-General upon evidence satisfactory to him, and under such special regulations as he shall prescribe, may cause payment to be made in the manner prescribed in sections four and eleven of the Act approved January twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, of the amount of any Money Order remaining unpaid after the lapse of seven years from the date of its issue.]

PART OF ACT OF MAY 27, 1908, UNDER THE HEADING "OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL"

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL

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[: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General, upon evidence satisfactory to him, and under such special regulations as he shall prescribe, may cause payment to be made in the manner prescribed in sections four and eleven of the Act approved January twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, of the amount of any domestic money order remaining unpaid after the lapse of three years from the date of its issue. And it shall hereafter be the duty of the General Accounting Office to maintain a complete and permanent record of all unpaid money orders issued by postmasters in the United States, or such of its insular possessions as are amenable to the authority of the Postmaster-General for payment within its own territory, such record to serve as a basis for adjudicating claims for payment by warrant of the amounts of said orders].

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SECTION 12 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 26, 1934

[SEC. 12. Effective July 1, 1935, the appropriation account "Unpaid Money Orders More Than One Year Old", carried on the books of the Government, is hereby abolished, and the balance therein shall be covered into the postal revenues, and any appropriations to which expenditures under such accounts have been chargeable theretofore are hereby repealed. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from postal revenues such sums as may be necessary to make any expenditures which, but for its abolition, would be chargeable to this account.]

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